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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Wenpeng Chen

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicants: Takashi HASHIMOTO et al.

Serial No: 10/593,598

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For: PRINT MEDIUM QUALITY ADJUSTMENT  
SYSTEM, INSPECTION WATERMARK  
MEDIUM OUTPUT DEVICE FOR  
OUTPUTTING WATERMARK MEDIUM TO  
UNDERGO INSPECTION, ETC.

Docket No.: KAN 167NP

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January 13, 2009

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of October 14, 2008, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on January 14, 2009.

A fee of \$None is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicants hereby provisionally petition for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.